Sharing cost for Construction of Bridges in A. P./Pondicherry

1816. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested O.N.G.C. to bear its share of the cost for the construction of high level bridges across Gowthami and Vasishta branches of river Godavari between Yedurlanka in A.P. and Yanam in Pondicherry;

(b) if so, whether O.N.G.C. has accepted;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) In respect of bridges across Vasista branch, ONGC has agreed in principle to share 50 per cent of total cost of the bridge, estimated to be Rs. 12 crores (approx.) in May, 1986. However, due to certain disputes raised by local people about location/site of the bridge, the State Government could not utilise the offer. The matter is still under discussion between ONGC and the State Government.

In respect of a bridge across Gowthami branch, at present there are no exploratory or othe activities of ONGC in the concerned area.

World Bank loan for Petroleum Transport projects

1817. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank approved (April 1989) a loan of US $ 340 million to Indian Oil Corporation for the projects described as 'Petroleum Transport Projects;

(b) if so, what are the details of the agreement;

(c) whether it is a fact that the projects were not got approved by Government before signing the Agreement;

(d) if so, what were the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Indian Oil Corporation paid infructuous commitment charge amounting to Rs. 4.98 crores on undrawn loan amounts from 11th November, 1989 to 14th June, 1992;

(f) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(g) what is the present position with regard to the loan agreement and payment of commitment charge etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The World Bank Loan agreement for US $ 340 million was signed on 11th September, 1989. The loan consists of the following projects:—

Sl. No.	Project	Total aid proposed (Million US $)
1	Kandla-Bhatinda Pipeline	178
2	Catalytic Reforming Unit at Barauni	38
3	Catalytic Reforming Unit at Digboi	18
4	Captive Power Plant of Digboi Refinery	11